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Government Reform Committee to Consider
Federal Workforce Flexibility Act

What: Government Reform Committee Business Meeting

When: THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2004, 10:00 a.m. (Hearing on Homeland Security Coordination in Capital Region to Immediately Follow)

Where: ROOM 2154, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

Background:

The Government Reform Committee will hold a business meeting to mark up the following legislation:

S. 129, the "Federal Workforce Flexibility Act"

S. 129 was introduced on January 9, 2003, by Senator George Voinovich (R-OH). The legislation was marked up by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee last October, and passed by the full Senate on April 8, 2004. On May 18, 2004, the Civil Service Subcommittee marked up the legislation, with a substitute amendment, and reported it to the full Committee.

The legislation includes provisions that would provide general reforms to federal human capital management, reforms relating to federal employee career development and retirement benefits, and reforms relating to pay administration. Most of the reforms considered in the legislation are non-controversial. However, staff continues to address concerns regarding the "compensatory time off for travel" provision and the "air traffic controller retirement" provision. Rather than postponing a Committee markup of the legislation in order to finalize these two outstanding issues, the Committee plans to move ahead with a markup and continue to work out the outstanding issues prior to bringing up the legislation on the floor.

H.R. 3340, a bill to re-designate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 and 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “James E. Worsham Post Office” and the “James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building,” respectively, and for other purposes. This legislation names two Chicago postal facilities after James Worsham, a career postal worker and a former trustee of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

H.R. 4327, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7450 Natural Bridge Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Vitalis ‘Veto’ Reid Post Office Building.” Veto Reid served as postmaster of the St. Charles, Missouri post office for 50 years.

H.R. 4427, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the “Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office.” Perry B. Duryea, Jr., the former Speaker and Minority Leader of the New York State Assembly, passed away in January 2004.

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